Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer as the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States, and is detected in more than 15,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and,

Whereas, Founded more than 15 years ago by Steven A. F. Firestein, a descendent of cosmetics magnate Max Factor, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc., are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and,

Whereas, The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services and hospital activities to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Sanford Children's Hospital at USD Medical School, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Hematology/Oncology in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and,

Whereas, Through its uniquely sensitive and comforting Magical Caps for Kids program, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection distribute thousands of beautifully handmade and decorated baseball caps to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, bone marrow transplants, surgery, and/or radiation treatments; and,

Whereas, The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2009 as

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State